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Money Challenges, "Boomer" Issues Explored

Broadmead Hosts Statewide Seniors Group

By Marcia Reinke

The arrival of "baby boomers" at retirement age, most without pensions or sufficient 401ks, will be burdening the Department of Aging and challenging retirement community operations,



Jonas Rappeport

Martha Roach told delegates at a council meeting of the Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association (MaCCRA) hosted by Broadmead early last month.

Roach, chief of Continuing Care at the Maryland Department of Aging (DOA), and MaCCRA lobbyist Barbara Brocato stressed the need for more individual MaCCRA

members and more MaCCRA chapters. Roach also stressed the over-arching need for more money so the DOA can properly regulate the state's 37 active and two proposed retirement communities, oversee the decertifying of three more and address the influx of new retirees.

In a budget-increase request to the General Assembly circulated by Roach, she pointed out that there are more than 16,000 units (apartments or beds) in these communities with over 20,000 residents. Under law DOA is to regulate contracts, conduct financial, actuarial and disclosure reviews, look at market practices, transfers of assets and review/approval of any new communities or programs.

The range of initial entrance fees for Maryland CCRC residents is \$200,000 to \$1.3 million. Monthly fees range from \$1,400 and \$5,500 a

month for independent living, based on contract and refund terms; from \$3,000 to \$9,000 a month for assisted living, based on contract terms and level of care; and \$3,000 to \$11,000 a month for nursing, based also on contract terms.

Provider renewal fees paid to the state's Continuing Care Fund have been \$18 per unit since 2004. "Thus, in essence, for a resident paying \$45,000 a year for services, one 25th of one percent of that amount goes to support regulations of the Department's Continuing Care Division. That is not enough to pay what it costs to regulate the industry," she said.

Roach catalogued some of the problems faced by her department this year, including issues of ownership and takeovers, insufficient capitalization, lack of contract clarity, lack of transparency, lack of access to board minutes, and transfers of one community's assets to another, even out of state. She also reviewed the "divorce" between the two organizations which represent providers, LifeSpan and LeadingAge. *Continued on Page 2*

About Those Vultures...

Voice photographer Bob Davies took the picture of Broadmead's vultures at the top of this page on January 28, 2010. Since then fewer have arrived.

For more on vultures see Page 3

Seniors Hosted

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Founded by a Broadmead resident and now led by Broadmead's Dr. Jonas Rappeport as president, MaCCRA has 12 chapters and under 1,800 individual members. "We need more resident members as well as more chapters. Legislators look at clout," he said, urging the chapters to work on membership and to invite legislators to their meetings. Although Broadmead appears to be meeting all the requirements of the Department of Aging, including a top ranking for fiscal stability, appropriate disclosure in regard to operations and budget, and transparency of Board meetings, those active in the local chapter have continually recognized the need to strengthen CCRCs statewide.

"There is also a great need for local chapters to establish a hierarchy of officials," Rappeport said, so there are persons to take over if top officers can no longer serve. MaCCRA lost four chapters last year because no one could be found to replace the officers. He also called for

voluntary contributions beyond regular dues to meet budgetary needs for the coming year, primarily lobbying costs.

MaCCRA's 2013 legislative agenda will be made public this month.

Attending the Council meeting here were delegates from Asbury Methodist (3), Blakehurst (1), Broadmead (6), Buckingham's Choice (1), Carroll Lutheran (3), Collington (4), King Farm at Ingleside (3), Maplewood Park Place (2), Mercy Ridge (3), Oak Crest Village (4), Riderwood (3) and Vantage House (3). Observers were present from Augsburg Lutheran and Edenwald.

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Broadmead Inc. Joins LeadingAge

CEO Rich Compton has announced that Broadmead will be joining LeadingAge, the newer of the provider associations representing continuing care retirement communities.

According to Martha Roach of the Department of Aging at a talk here last month, the mission of LeadingAge, which represents senior housing as well as continuing care communities, is to have more collaboration between providers and residents. It has a lobbyist but it does not intend to be a normal trade association, she said.

Before LeadingAge came to Maryland, the provider organization known as LifeSpan represented the state's provider groups. LifeSpan has allowed both for-profit and non-profit community representation on its board, but for-profits have dominated. LeadingAge allows both profit and non-profit membership, but only non-profit providers may serve on its board.

Broadmead Residents Association Concert Series

Sunday, January 20, 2 p.m.
The Janos String Quartet
Auditorium

Will Turkey Vultures Come Again to Broadmead?

by Elborg Forster

Photos by Bob Davies

Yes, yes, I know. People have been writing in these pages about our winter residents, the turkey vultures, ever since Broadmead opened. But I can't help it. I must join the chorus and add a prayer that our vultures will fly here again.

When Nancy Allchin and I first wrote of our vultures, back in 2011, I observed that "turkey vultures" is a harsh name for birds that, to be sure, clean up a lot of messes but which, in their

free time as it were, fill the air with graceful flight patterns that some of us humans watch with envy.

On a sunny and mild winter afternoon back then I went for a walk that ended up on the Ridge Path along the hillside. From the Perimeter Road I could see

two or three trees on the

hillside that were black and quivering with birds clinging to their branches, while just a few of them were circling above.

As I reached these trees, I did not hear the birds vocalize, as I had expected. The only sound was the flapping of their big wings and the creaking of the winter trees. I leaned against a neighboring tree and looked up. Most of the turkey vultures were still roosting on the branches. Some of them seemed to be fighting silently for a place, while others flew off and took to the air above the trees, gracefully circling,



gyrating, floating high up in the afternoon sun.

So intently did I watch them that I began to feel that I too was circling, gyrating, floating in their midst. A strange and mysterious experience it was, but what's the harm?

Back in 2011 resident vulture counters claimed to see upwards of 250 birds at a time. But only a few arrived in 2012.

You're ugly and beautiful and we love you. Come again.



Turkey Vultures

By Sibylle Ehrlich

February 2010

Silently, ominously they sit.
Huddled into themselves in black ellipses.
Hunched in the elbows of gray trees.

Suddenly a silent pistol shot. And they soar
into the sky gliding on invisible currents.

Their carefully choreographed dance
Disintegrates into kaleidoscopic forms.

The winter sun, low on the horizon,
Sends its last rays upwards
To paint their wings a golden hue
Before they swoop down
to perform their ordained task.

Wednesday Worship

1st Wednesday of month, 10:30 a.m.

Episcopal Communion

Holly Terrace - Flex Space

Sponsored by Sherwood Episcopal Church

2nd Wednesday of month, 10 a.m.

Catholic Mass

Holly Terrace - Flex Space

Sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Church

Senator Introduces Himself to Broadmead

By Marcia Reinke

State Senator James Brochin, who classifies himself as a conservative Democrat, told an Open Forum audience last month that, along with many Republicans, he will continue to support the death penalty and that he opposed the "Dream Act." He did, however, vote for gay marriage and he favors decriminalizing marijuana.

Invited last June to discuss actions taken at the 2012 General Assembly, Brochin said he had to cancel because he was involved in an unsuccessful effort to free Marylander Alan Gross, who has been imprisoned in Cuba for three years. Brochin represents Senate District 42 which includes Broadmead under the recent redistricting. His name will be on the 2014 ballot here, where he faces a difficult election in a majority Republican district.

He suggested that Governor Martin O'Malley's redistricting put him into the Republican area which stretches all the way to the Pennsylvania border, "because I did not always toe the party line."

"I do not vote by party, but by issue," he said. Because he serves on the Judicial Proceedings Committee, his vote to retain the Maryland death penalty put him with the 6-5 majority that prevented the issue from getting an up-or-down vote on the Senate floor. He described those who favor repeal as an especially "pesky" bunch, but after examining the issue from all sides he "still believes (capital punishment) should remain on the books for the worst of the worst."

Despite the fact that the NAACP has joined the chorus of those seeking repeal, Brochin does not believe repeal efforts will be successful this year. He also scored O'Malley for backing repeal while not pardoning the men on death row or weighing in on the injection regulations struck down by the court, which have resulted in an executions moratorium since 2006.

Brochin said he voted against the "Dream Act" because he believes it is unfair to those who have obeyed the law. He does not believe tuition should be cut for undocumented students, when there are not enough places in Maryland's four-year colleges for those who are here legally. The "Dream Act" referendum was approved by voters in November.

Turning to marijuana, Brochin said he voted for the 2012 bills which cut penalties for possession. He also believes in medical marijuana, suggesting that the plants could be grown under the supervision of the University of Maryland and the product sold by prescription. He is not yet ready to back legalization but did not rule that out in the future, should medical marijuana and further decriminalization work out.

Brochin said he not only voted against Question 7 to expand gambling, but deplored the special legislative summer session that cut tax rates on casinos, right after rates had been raised on individuals.

"We could have voted for table games without granting tax breaks," he said.

Noting that he is still "uncomfortable with the word 'marriage'," he said that he felt that so long as gay couples are allowed to adopt children and become families they deserve the right to the same laws.

Brochin said he is a strong environmentalist and an advocate of open space. A member of the Maryland Senate since 2003, he is an insurance broker with RJP Associates in Hunt Valley. He previously taught as an adjunct faculty member in the political science department at Towson University.



Men's Saturday Social Hour

9:30 a.m. Lounge/Auditorium

January 12

Cliff York

January 26

Lee Fleishman

Coffee - Tea - Doughnuts

Wear your name tags

Companion Program Unveiled

By Frank Iber, MD

A "companion", for Broadmead medical purposes, is a person committed to go with a resident to a hospital emergency room and remain throughout the visit.

Explaining the new Companion Program at a recent Residents Association Health Care meeting, resident June Gee said it identifies the chosen companion in a patient's medical record, provides notification in an emergency and arranges and pays for transportation to and from the hospital or emergency room. June is coordinating the program for the Residents Association Health Care Committee.

Each cluster resident who wants a companion selects a friend or a volunteer from a list maintained by the Health Care Committee. The companion must agree to accompany the person to the hospital 24/7 and the resident must agree that the companion can be present throughout the emergency room time.

This provides companionship at a stressful time and an extra person to recall what was done and said by the doctors, June explained.

Companion names are entered into patients' charts, which are always available to accompany a resident to the hospital. The on-duty nurse will notify the companion when an emergency arises in case the resident is unable to do so. The nurse will also arrange transportation utilizing Broadmead vehicles on week days and Jimmy's Cab otherwise. If time permits, the companion will ride to the hospital in the ambulance. If not, a taxi ride is arranged for the companion.

Only travel arranged by the senior nursing staff can initiate pre-paid transportation, June said. Residents who call Jimmy's Cab directly would be expected to pay for the ride.

When the emergency room visit is complete and the companion and possibly the patient are ready to return to Broadmead, a call to 410-443-8633, an emergency cell phone carried by the senior on-duty nurse, will initiate a request to Jimmy's for a free cab return to Broadmead. This will accommodate both the resident and the companion if there is no hospital admission. If Jimmy's Cab does not respond promptly a repeat call to the cell phone will result in a cab.



Mostly self-taught, Elaine McDonald's life-long interest in art led her to study briefly while she lived in Cecil County and to join Sally Thomas's class here at Broadmead. Each Christmas she has felt the urge to paint a picture. These have been exhibited during the Christmas season in East Hall.

Photo by Nancy Boyce

Monday Book Group

Auditorium - 10:30 a.m.

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| January 7 | <i>People of the Book</i>
by Geraldine Brooks |
| February 4 | <i>Telegraph Avenue</i>
by Michael Chabon |
| March 4 | <i>The Tiger's Wife</i>
by Tea Obrecht |
| April 1 | <i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i>
by Jamie Ford |
| May 6 | <i>The Art of Fielding</i>
by Chad Harbach |
| June 3 | <i>The Greater Journey</i>
by David McCullough |

Books may be borrowed from the Bookmobile every other Friday. Consult Broadmead schedule.

Wear Name Tags
January 1, 2 and 3

Broadmead Briefs...

Residents Association President **Susie Fetter** is looking for volunteers to take over for three long-time workers who would like to retire. Needed are a movie committee chair to take over from **Leo Weiss**; an archivist to replace **Bobbie Siebens**; and someone to manage the video and DVD collection, replacing **Larry Galla**. Susie also extends her special thanks Leo, Bobbie and Larry for the years they have given to the BRA.

PNC Bank will be installing an automatic teller (**ATM**) machine near the entrance to the Corner Cupboard to replace some of the services provided by the now-gone branch bank. The installation, delayed by a need for additional wiring, is now scheduled for Wednesday, January 9. On Thursday, January 10, a (human) teller will come to Broadmead to educate and assist residents in its use. The ATM will allow cash withdrawals but will not handle checks or deposits. A bus to the Sparks PNC Bank will run Mondays at 12:30 p.m. and the small PNC branch at the Giant will be accessible during the regular grocery runs. Safe deposit boxes will now be at the Sparks and Ashland PNC locations.

A new **Garden Assistance Committee**, to be chaired by **Sally Robinson**, has been formed to work with Maintenance in regard to new plantings, the selection of trees, soil preparation, plants that should be kept or removed and watering schedules. The new committee will also provide residents with advice on cluster-area gardens.

The **dumpsters**, which have twice this year floated down a flooded Western Run, are to be chained to a solid object whenever a storm is predicted, CEO Rich Compton announced at a recent Fireside Chat. Items stored in the lower level of the barn, which have also been waterlogged during the floods, will be cleared out by March, he said.

Compton also said the Maintenance Department is working on replacing hot water heaters older than 10 years.

The Bird and Nature group has presented awards to **Mary Frances Wagley**, **Lyman Anderson** and **Nancy Allchin**. Mary Frances was cited for her work with Broadmead's trees; Lyman for handling audio visuals; and Nancy for seven years of service as committee chair.

The new young face in the Social Work Department is **Jennifer Daks**, a student at **Towson University**, who will be interning here through May and starting a **low-vision group**.

Students in grades 11 and 12 at the **Friends School** will be interviewing residents again this year as part of their creative writing curriculum. **Linda Chick**, coordinator of the program for Broadmead, said it's been very well received by both the students and residents. Those wishing to participate may contact Linda. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Let's Dance will not meet in January. The next dance will be February 11.

Jonas Rappeport, of "Bonus from Jonas" fame reminds residents that it is wintertime so "you should put your name in your jcoat so whoever took it by mistake can return it to you."



Baltimore County Councilwomen Cathy Bevins and Vicki Almond were guest speakers at the Baltimore County League of Women Voters holiday party in Holly House. Shown here from left are Broadmead resident Kitty Stierhoff, who handled Broadmead arrangements, Bevins, League co-presidents Betsy Sexton and Tracy Miller and Almond. There are more than 20 City and County League members at Broadmead.



Despite some earlier worries that the Employees Appreciation Fund would not attain its \$40,000 goal, carryover from the spring campaign and late contributions brought the total to be disbursed to \$40,608. Based on hours worked, 236 employees received checks, many at the maximum amount of \$211. Shown here signing checks and stuffing envelopes are, from left, Jim Crowder, Hyko Laeyendecker, Nancy Henley, John Michener, Susie Fetter, Kitty Stierhoff, Marjorie Espenschade and Sibylle Ehrlich. Hyko and Rhett Murphy managed the campaign. Photo by Bernie Anderson

Local Television Features Broadmead Brain Aerobics

Broadmead's brain exercise program has been getting television attention.

In early December a piece, entitled *Cockeysville Seniors Work on Short Term Memory*, was shown on WBAL-TV, featuring speech pathologist Chuck Warnke and residents taking his weekly class. Earlier a similar program was shown on FOX.

Senior citizens at Broadmead "have been doing aerobics for the brain," and "are seeing the benefits of an innovative new class designed to keep aging minds sharp," WBAL said.

"It's a cognitive exercise program that works on stimulating the brain. Normal healthy aging brains need to have stimulation to be as sharp as they were," WBAL said quoting Chuck.

The program includes puzzles and word games, most of them timed to challenge brains to think in a new way. The exercises mainly work on the seniors' short-term memory, helping them to remember things like taking their medicine and word recall.

Interviewed by WBAL, and saying they are remembering things better, were class participants June Gee and Adele Free.

Newly Arrived Residents

Marjorie Appleby	C-5
Gayle Blakeslee and Natalie Starr	H-11
James and Sandra Butzow	D-11
Michael and Narindar Kelly	N-9
Sid and Jackie Mintz	B-1

BRA Health Care Committee Lecture

Tuesday, January 15
10:30 a.m. Auditorium

The MOLST Form

***Why it is important,
and how to fill it out***

Presenter: Barbara Carroll, MD
Broadmead Medical Director

Hanukkah Celebrated with Candles, Klezmer Music and Dancing



*Story and photos
by Sally Bloomer*

The Festival of Lights celebration was observed by the lighting of the sixth of the eight candles on the Hanukkah (often called incorrectly the menorah) by Eleanor Mayblum. The blessings were recited by Bobbie Wolfe, assisted by Harriet Ambrose who coordinated the event. Tom Mondloch narrated the English translation. Jonas Rappeport explained the meaning of Hanukkah.

The mood then became festive with the music of Charm City Klezmer directed by Michael Raitzyk on guitar. Klezmer music, as explained by Seith Kibel, the clarinetist, is a "mush" - a mixture of music which originated in the 15th century shtetls of eastern Europe. Over the centuries it has been influenced by Jewish liturgical music, Middle Eastern scales, the Yiddish language, Dixieland, ragtime, swing and Latin dance.

The Charm City Klezmer played plaintive love songs sung by Judith Geller as well as fast hora-type music with an outstanding solo by the bass player Jake Leckie. This encouraged residents, with the urging of guest Sheila Meyers, to dance to the Klezmer music.

While the colorful six candles burned, the participants on the dance floor moved to the beat and the audience clapped and was treated to another celebration of the Festival of Lights, which is meant to represent the freedom that the Jews achieved throughout history in the many uprisings against larger and stronger forces.



Bobbie Wolfe dances with guest Sheila Meyers to the Klezmer band music at Broadmead's annual Hanukkah observance. Bobbie, who also recited the blessings, is 100 years old.

Thursday Night Bridge

6 p.m. Lower Level

No partner required

Trips Committee

Four Museums Scheduled

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| January 9 | Maryland Historical Society
Leader: Betty Lou Anderson |
| January 23 | Baltimore Museum of Art
Leader: Helen Davis |
| February 6 | Baltimore Museum of Industry
Leader: Betsy Walser |
| February 20 | Walters Museum
Leader: Rhoda Dorsey |

*Bus transportation 12:30-3:30 p.m. - \$14
Museum entry fees payable at door.
See bulletin board for details and sign-up.*

Open Forum

7 p.m. Auditorium

Friday, January 11

**News, News, Everywhere,
But No Time to Think . . .**

Elliot King, Professor and Chair
Department of Communication
Loyola University Maryland

Friday, January 25

Castro's Cuba

Franklin Knight, Professor of
Latin American History,
Johns Hopkins University

Friday, February 1

**Religion in China: Where did it
come from? What did it
become? Where is it going?**

Associate Professor Timothy Baker, Jr,
National University of Taiwan

Friends Meeting for Worship
Sundays at 11 a.m.
Stony Run Board Room



Before it was eaten at the New Year's Eve Party the traditional gingerbread cookie house sat on the reception desk. Again this year Catherine Rommel, daughter of Betsy and Harry Butcher, was the house builder. Photo by Sally Bloomer

Davies Tells of Commanding World War II African-American Engineers



Shown here, second from right in a 1944 Army photo, is Second Lieutenant Bob Davies, age 19, with some of his men.

By Ann Berman

Power point pictures of an incredibly young Bob Davies, leading a World War II African-American engineering unit in Louisiana, at the German front and later on Okinawa, fascinated an overflow Broadmead audience last month.

Presented by resident Robert Davies, the program described his participation in an ROTC unit at Texas A & M, the activation of the unit into "the real Army," officer and heavy weapons training, his commissioning as a second lieutenant at age 19 and his assignment to lead an all-black unit of the Army Engineers in the segregated south.

This was a time when all the services were segregated, he said, noting that having a white officer lead a "colored" unit seemed natural. Highly complimentary of his men, Bob, showed photographs of bridges and facilities his unit built in Europe and of their reassignment to the Pacific when the European conflict ended.

A two-month sea voyage through the Panama Canal delayed his unit's arrival on Okinawa until after Japan surrendered. The unit built warehouses and quarters for our occupation troops and weathered a typhoon before returning home.



Lower level front entrance



Lower level by the stairs

December Brought Trees, Trees and More Trees

*But we've no room
to show them all*

Photos by Sally Bloomer



Main level near indoor mailbox

Walters Exhibit, Islamic Visit in Multicultural Committee Plans

Bus trips to the Walters Art Museum and the Islamic Society, plus a Martin Luther King birthday party, are being sponsored by the Multicultural Committee this month.

The Walters exhibit, entitled "Revealing the African Presence in Renaissance Art," will be explained by John Shield, manager of the docent program. A free bus will be provided at 10:45 a.m. with a return at about 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 10. There will be a \$5 admission fee for those not members of the Museum. Lunch may be purchased in the Museum's café. This trip is co-sponsored with the Red Hat Society. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

The Islamic Society of Baltimore event is scheduled for Friday, January 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will include a tour, a question and answer session, an ethnic-foods lunch for \$8 in the cafeteria and a Friday prayer service. Look for a bulletin board sign-up sheet.

Martin Luther King's birthday will be celebrated Monday, January 21 with a special dinner from 5-6:30 p.m.. A musical presentation, featuring soloists and a choir, will follow in the auditorium at 7 p.m. Those who would like to have dinner with the visiting musicians may sign up on the bulletin board.

Platt and Davis Are Round Robin Three Winners

The team of Florence Platt and Helen Davis placed first in the Round Robin Three bridge tournament this year. Winners were announced by coordinator Weezie Davis at a gala end-of-year luncheon in the Magnolia Room.

Placing second were Pam Langham and Bette Hollyday. Third were Weezie Davis and Priscilla Stieff; fourth Louise Williams and Jean Wilson. Tippi Sieck and Mary Jane Kiefaber placed fifth and Anne Allen Dandy and Peggy Taliaferro, sixth.

Round Robin Three operates on a calendar year. Round Robins One and Two announced results in September.



Let's Sing

Monday, January 21
7 p.m. Lounge
Jonathan Jensen, piano

Saturday Night Performances

7 p.m. Auditorium

January 12

War of 1812 Exhibit

Maryland Historical Society Director

January 26

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Constructing "Poplar Island"
as wet land on the Chesapeake Bay

Movies: January 5 and 19. See Page 15,

Operetta

Friday, January 18 - 7 p.m. Auditorium

Die Fledermaus

by Johann Strauss Vienna State Opera

One of the few operettas regularly performed by most opera houses. Its music has been described as a series of waltz melodies- some accompanied by Vienna's Great Ballet.

BRA Website

Volunteer needed for the position of
BRA Webmaster

Knowledge of Mac OS is important, but you don't have to be an expert. The person will work with our current webmaster, Jerry Green, who will train the volunteer on our current system

*If interested, call Susie Fetter,
BRA President, at 443-578-8228*



Broadmead's own Renaissance Trio, Jean Wilson on the viola, Natalie Bellows, recorder, and Phyllis Olson on the viola da gamba played traditional carols plus music of Palestrina and Orlando di Lasso at the Christmas vespers service. Phyllis played the bass violin with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Jean usually plays a violin, not viola. Leading the service was the Rev. Christa Burns of Faith Presbyterian Church. Ellen Williams was at the piano.

Winter Series Will Explore Best and Worst of Baltimore

The Adventures in Learning Committee will present a four-lecture series entitled *Baltimore in the Best of Times and in the Worst of Times* featuring well-known local historian Wayne Schaumburg. He will deal with past disasters such as the 1814 British attack and the Great Fire, explore the city's major philanthropies and mid-20th Century "Renaissance". Lectures will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays February 27 and March 6, 13 and 20.

Friends School Presents

Removing the Glove

A one-act play performed by
Upper School Theatre Workshop
Friday, January 11, 1:45 p.m.
Auditorium

Will an Aerator Help Lake Maybe?

By Nancy Allchin

Bill Powel, brother of resident Sue Carnell, addressed the Bird and Nature group's long-standing concern with the algae on Lake Maybe by suggesting various approaches to alleviate the problem, including a fountain or aerator.

Drawing from his experience on a pond at his 200-acre dairy farm in Carroll County, he said he has had the most satisfactory results from applying dye (to shade the algae) for three months very early in the spring, followed by using a floating fountain for 12 hours a day. He found that barley straw was not a solution to the algae problem and he was careful not to use any chemical that would kill the fish.

Powel is a conservationist and directed the Carroll County Farmland Preservation Program for many years.

His advice for Broadmead's Lake Maybe was preceded by a fascinating and scholarly presentation on the 300-year history of Doughoregan Manor, the very large farm estate in Howard County where he and sister Sue spent their childhood while their father managed the 2000-acre dairy farm.



Presenting a program entitled Googling the Night Sky, illustrating what telescopes like the Hubble have discovered and how even amateurs may access it on "Google Sky" was Dr. Alberto Conti, left, an astrophysicist with the Johns Hopkins Space Science Institute. With him here is resident Mike Bielefeld, also of the Institute, who arranged for the program.

Photo by Sally Bloomer

Crashed Out of Sight? Abducted?

Three States Search for the Micheners

By John and Jane Michener

The call to Broadmead came late, the Tuesday night before Thanksgiving.

John Michener's son Lloyd in Durham, NC, had expected John and Jane in the afternoon but at 9 p.m. they had not appeared. Nor had they been reachable at their Broadmead number or on their cell phones. Did Broadmead know their whereabouts?

Barbara Bieckert, the cluster nurse, immediately visited the Michener apartment. A note on their made-up bed told Maintenance to forget flipping the mattress. They'd already done so. The "away" slips at Reception showed a leave plan for that Tuesday morning.

Barbara called the Maryland State Police for any report involving the Micheners' license plates as shown in Broadmead's records. Several more calls revealed the plates had been swapped for new handicapped plates. There were no reports on a car with the new plates.

So Lloyd notified the Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina state police who issued a Silver alert, one level below an Amber, directing all three highway patrols to stop the missing car upon sight and determine whether the Micheners or someone else was in it.

At 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, exactly 24 hours after their expected arrival, John and Jane calmly rang the Michener doorbell in Durham. After a relieved greeting, the younger Micheners notified the three highway patrols just moments before a full Amber alert, with flashing overhead highway signs, was to go into effect.

So what had happened? John and Jane intended from the start to take a leisurely two day drive, stopping Tuesday night in Richmond.

The arrival time misunderstanding was from differing interpretations of a phone call. Lloyd's wife Gwen had called Monday to ascertain their arrival time, saying she would be home by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. "We'll be there then," John said meaning Wednesday, the last mentioned day. Since for over 30 years all trips were one day, with an arrival the Tuesday

before Thanksgiving, Gwen thought John's "We'll be there then" indicated an arrival Tuesday afternoon.

There must be a message here somewhere. About cell phones maybe (and turning them on).

On their return the Micheners presented Barbara with a happy face balloon and chocolates in thanks for the search.



Multicultural Committee January Events

Thursday, January 10, 10:45 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

**Revealing the African Presence
in Renaissance Art**
Walters Art Museum

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Special Dinner: 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Music at 7 p.m. - Auditorium

Friday, January 25 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Islamic Society of Baltimore
Tour, ethnic food, Friday prayers

Vespers

Sunday, January 20 4:30 p.m.

Main Lounge
Rabbi Geoff Basik
Kol HaLev Congregation
All Are Welcome

Relief Organizations Should Consider Ethics and Politics

By Robert Forster

In an Open Forum talk on the ethics and politics of disaster relief, Courtland Robinson explored with his Broadmead audience the local

circumstances and assumptions which should guide both public and private relief agencies offering help.



Robinson, son of residents Courtland and Sally Robinson, is a member of the International Health faculty at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He has spent

20 years in East Asia

studying international relief measures for migrants fleeing war zones or oppressive regimes.

Focusing first on defining terms, he asked "what do we mean by 'disaster'? What are its causes? How much is hazard, how much is human error, either of commission or omission?"

"Why do more people die in some disasters than in others? What are the ethical criteria for treating victims?"

Robinson proposed as criteria: impartiality in treatment, neutrality among political or social groups and respect for the dignity of each individual. He then examined which groups are more "vulnerable" and therefore more deserving of immediate attention, listing women, children, the aged, the ill, the cognitively impaired and minorities, which will vary in importance from one region or culture to another. More developed countries are better equipped, especially with medical care and a reserve of public health, to face the challenges of a disaster, he said.

Robinson concluded with a brief appraisal of three disaster areas, North Korea, Burma and Indonesia. His lecture demonstrated the complexity of the challenge and the need for a sense of distributive justice and diplomatic finesse on the part of relief agencies.

Elf Anne Foy Decorates Again



Anne created this snowman tree which is now stored in her office pending a relocation soon to Hallowell.

By Alma Smith, Holiday Decorating Chair

Once again Broadmead elf and part-time staffer Anne Foy brightened the lives of residents and staff with new works of art for the holidays. Over the years Anne has donated over 2000 volunteer hours to decorating and other projects, being paid only for the cost of the decorations.

During November Anne, along with resident Georgia Erlbeck, "fluffed" the tired wreaths from Hallowell Hall and added gay touches of ribbon, balls and sprigs of holly. About 80 wreaths were chosen, rejuvenated and hung on the doors of residents.

December 1 and 2 found Anne, with Georgia's help, stringing a new garland down the Center stairs, adding "holiday corsages" along the way. She then created the beautiful tree on the lower level that can be seen from the railing above - a gorgeous work of art.

Other old wreaths were "brought to life" with various decorations and hung in the halls of the Outpatient Department and the lower level. We are most appreciative of Anne's brightening the holiday season here.



Broadmead Movies

Auditorium - 7 p.m.

Tuesday movies selected by Leo and Gretel Weiss

Saturday movies by Jeanne Stephenson

Saturday, January 5 Friendly Persuasion

Gary Cooper, Anthony Perkins, Dorothy McGuire. The lives of a Quaker family are shattered during the Civil War when their eldest son feels determined to join the war effort.

1956 NR 137 minutes

Tuesday, January 8 My Week with Marilyn

In the early summer of 1956, 23 year old Colin Clark, just down from Oxford, and determined to make his way in the films, worked as a lowly assistant on the set of "The Prince and the Showgirl" with Sir Lawrence Olivier. He ended up trying to control Marilyn Monroe who was honeymooning with Arthur Miller.

2011 R 99 minutes

Tuesday, January 15 First Position

We follow young ballet dancers in training for Youth America Grand Prix, the world's most prestigious ballet competition. These young people lead dedicated lives. The stakes are high, their performances will determine the success or failure of their young dreams.

2011 NR 90 minutes

Saturday, January 19 Stage Door

Katherine Hepburn, Ginger Rogers, Lucille Ball. A theatrical boarding house is the meeting place for several young actresses struggling to break into show business.

1937 NR 92 minutes

Tuesday, January 22 Moonrise Kingdom

Set on an island off the coast of New England in the summer of 1965. The story of two 12-year-olds who fall in love and make a secret pact to run away. As various authorities try to hunt them down, a violent storm is brewing offshore, turning the peaceful island upside down in more ways than one can handle.

2012 PG-13 94 minutes

Tuesday, January 29

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

A sheik with a love for the sport hopes to introduce fly-fishing to the Middle East and turns to uptight fisheries expert Fred Jones for help. Buoyed by the sheik's enthusiasm (and his comely English aide) Fred sets out to achieve the impossible.

2011 PG-13 111 minutes

In Memoriam

Barbara "Bobbie" Dunlap

November 5, 1924 November 28, 2012

MOVING AROUND BROADMEAD

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Ruth Bronstein	R-7	T-330
Nannie Lawler	N-9	T-318
Edwina Lyon	F-7	T-323
Margaret Proctor	L-5	T-319
Germaine Sharrett	J-6	H-259
Charles Stieff	L-11	H-247
Priscilla Stieff	L-11	T-301

The Broadmead Play Readers

will present

The Same Old Story

by Suzanne Schlenger

Wednesday, January 9,

7 p.m. Auditorium

Cast

Ann	Suzanne Schlenger
Tad	Charlie Lee
Gordon	Dave Rigotti
Angie	Sally Crosby
Cameron	Eli Freedman
Scene Caller	Ruth Williams

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Strictly for the Birds

Story and photo by Sally Bloomer



Cranberries, peanut butter, popcorn, orange slices--sound delicious? Just add bird seed, pine cones and sweet gum heads. And you have everything found on a leafless tree just north of the blue mail box --strictly for the birds. Residents looking down from the Hallowell window have been enjoying this tree ever since the trimming began back on December 5. Bobbie Kottler, bird lover that she is, saw the tree trimmers at work and came down to give it a closer look.

The bird tree project was organized by the Bird and Nature Group. Several members strung cranberries and popcorn, rolled pine cones and sweet gum heads in peanut butter and then dipped them in bird seed. The final stage of attaching the wire demanded patience and encouragement from Don Smyth. The entire project was organized and carefully supervised by Florence Platt.